

Massachusetts Smallpox Response Plan

Triage Protocol for a Suspected Smallpox Case

Multi-lingual signage at ED or clinic entrance to direct patients with fever and rash to a separate area, and provide surgical masks for those with cough.

- Patient with febrile vesicular rash should be assessed by triage nurse using CDC rash-illness protocol.
- Triage nurse should don appropriate respiratory and infection-control protection.
- Patient should be triaged in an airborne isolation room if available or, if not, in a separate room, isolated from other patients and staff. Maintain airborne and contact precautions.

